

PATENT

Docket No. 1948-4815

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : ARLON et al.
Serial No. : 10/664,515 Art Unit : 3616
Filed : September 16, 2003 Examiner : T. To
For : MOTOR HEADLIGHT COMPRISING AN IMPACT MEMBER

AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP – Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application and consider the response to the
November 6, 2006 non-final Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 7 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A motor vehicle headlight which comprises: an impact member displaceable between a position of use and a deployed position in which said impact member comes into contact with an obstacle during an impact and a safety device able to cause displacement of the impact member from said position of use to said deployed position prior to impact with the obstacle.
2. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The headlight as claimed in claim 1, wherein the safety device comprises means for allowing the displacement of the impact member from ~~its~~ said deployed position to ~~its~~ said position of use.
3. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The headlight as claimed in claim 1, wherein the safety device comprises means for controlling the displacement of the impact member from ~~its~~ said position of use to ~~its~~ said deployed position.
4. (Previously Presented) The headlight as claimed in claim 1, wherein the headlight comprises housing enclosing at least one light source and on which is mounted a protective outer lens, able to transmit the light emitted by the source, the impact member comprises the outer lens.

5. (Previously Presented) The headlight as claimed in claim 4, wherein the outer lens is mounted movably with respect to the housing, and wherein the safety device is able to cause the displacement of the outer lens with respect to the housing.

6. (Previously Presented) A motor vehicle headlight which comprises: an impact member displaceable between a position of use and a deployed position in which said impact member comes into contact with an obstacle during an impact of the obstacle with the headlight, and a safety device able to cause the displacement of the impact member from said position of use to said deployed position,

wherein the headlight comprises a housing enclosing at least one light source and on which is mounted a protective outer lens, able to transmit the light emitted by the source, the impact member comprises the outer lens,

wherein the outer lens is mounted movably with respect to the housing, and wherein the safety device is able to cause the displacement of the outer lens with respect to the housing, and

wherein the safety device comprises an expandable sleeve on which the outer lens is mounted, the sleeve being mounted on the housing and defining an expansion chamber, the safety device furthermore comprising a gas reservoir connected to the expansion chamber and able to release its gas

therefrom so as to cause the expansion of the sleeve and the displacement of the outer lens with respect to the housing.

7. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The headlight as claimed in claim 5, wherein the safety device ~~comprises, on the one hand,~~ comprises a ram integral with the ~~easing and whose piston is~~ housing having a piston integral with the ~~glass shield, and, on the other hand,~~ a outer lens, and a gas reservoir connected to the ram and able to release its gas therefrom so as to cause the displacement of the ~~glass shield~~ outer lens with respect to the ~~easing~~ housing.

8. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The headlight as claimed in claim 5, wherein the ~~glass shield~~ outer lens is deformable and defines, jointly with the ~~easing~~ housing, an expansion chamber, and wherein the safety device comprises a gas reservoir, connected to the expansion chamber, and able to release its gas therefrom so as to inflate the ~~glass shield~~ outer lens.

9. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The headlight as claimed in claim 5, wherein the ~~easing~~ housing is furnished with a decompression port ~~the opening of~~ having an opening which is regulated to allow the displacement of the ~~glass shield~~ outer lens from its said deployed position to its said position of use.

10. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The headlight as claimed in claim 5, wherein the ~~glass shield~~ outer lens is deformable and defines jointly with

the ~~easing~~ housing an enclosure, and wherein the safety device comprises an inflatable cushion able to deploy within ~~this~~ said enclosure so as to inflate the ~~glass-shield~~ outer lens.

11. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The headlight as claimed in claim 1, wherein, the headlight comprises a ~~easing~~ housing enclosing at least one light source and on which is mounted a protective ~~glass-shield~~ outer lens able to transmit the light emitted by the source, the impact member comprises the ~~easing~~ housing and the ~~glass-shield~~ outer lens.

12. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The headlight as claimed in claim 11, wherein, the ~~easing~~ housing is mounted on a chassis, the safety device ~~comprises, on the one hand, an~~ comprises an expansion chamber defined between the ~~easing~~ housing and the ~~chassis, and, on the other hand, a~~ chassis, and a gas reservoir connected to the expansion chamber and able to release its gas therefrom so as to cause the displacement of ~~easing the~~ housing with respect to the chassis.

13. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The headlight as claimed in claim 11, wherein, the ~~easing-being~~ housing is mounted on a chassis, the safety device ~~comprises, on the one hand, a~~ comprises a ram integral with the ~~easing and whose piston is~~ housing and having a piston integral with the ~~chassis, and, on the other hand, a~~ chassis, and a gas reservoir connected to the ram and able to release its gas therefrom so as to cause the displacement of the ~~easing~~ housing with respect to the chassis.

14. (Withdrawn) The headlight as claimed in claim 1, wherein the impact member comprises an inflatable cushion able to deploy outside the headlight.

15. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The headlight as claimed in claim 14, which comprises a ~~easing~~ housing enclosing at least one light source and on which is mounted a ~~glass shield~~ an outer lens able to transmit the light emitted by the source, and wherein deployment of the inflatable cushion is preformed so as to at least partially cover the ~~glass shield~~ outer lens in the deployed position.

16. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The headlight as claimed in claim 15, which is ~~designed to damp the~~ dampens shock in the event of an impact of a pedestrian against the headlight.

17. (Previously Presented) A motor vehicle headlight comprising: an impact member displaceable from a position of use to a projected and deployed position in which said impact member comes into contact with an obstacle during an impact, and a safety device for displacing said impact member toward the obstacle from said first position to said second projected and deployed position.

REMARKS

The above amendments and following remarks are responsive to the points raised in the November 6, 2006 non-final Office Action. Prosecution on the merits has been closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. Upon entry of the above amendment, previously withdrawn dependent Claims 2, 3, 7-13, 15, and 16 will have been amended and Claims 1-17 will be pending. No new matter has been introduced. Entry and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that the application is in condition for allowance with the exception of previously withdrawn dependent Claims 2, 3, and 7-16. Applicant has been "required to either cancel withdrawn claims 2-3, and 7-16 or amend these claims to eliminate inconsistent terminology with the preceding claims and properly depend on the preceding claims." Dependent Claims 2, 3, and 7-16 were previously withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species.

In view of the above requirement, Applicants have amended previously withdrawn dependent claims 2, 3, 7-13, 15, and 16 to conform the language thereof to be consistent with their respective base claims and any intervening claim. No amendments were necessary to conform dependent Claim 14. On the basis of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the outstanding formal issues raised by the Examiner have been satisfied. As such, previously withdrawn Claims 2, 3, and 7-16, which are dependent upon allowed base Claims 1 or 6, are in proper condition to be rejoined and allowed.

Accordingly, the Examiner's requirement is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed Claims 1, 4-6, and 17. The Examiner has, in effect, indicated the allowability of previously withdrawn dependent Claims 2, 3, and 7-16 if amended to eliminate any inconsistency between such claims and their respective base claim and any intervening claim. Applicants have, per the Examiner's requirement, amended Claims 2, 3, 7-13, 15, and 16 to eliminate such inconsistency. As such, previously withdrawn dependent Claims 2, 3, and 7-16 are in condition to be rejoined and allowed.


CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1948-4815.

Respectfully submitted,
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